

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A  
FILLER NECK

Art Unit: --

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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 09-066747 published in Japan on March 11, 1997;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 6-20824 published in Japan on March 23, 1994;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 6-12987 published in Japan on April 6, 1994;
- D. U.S. Patent No. 6,330,893 issued to O'Connell on December 18, 2001; and
- E. U.S. Patent No. 6,588,459 issued to O'Connell on July 8, 2003.

Prior art A-C are not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Additionally, an English language abstract is attached to each of the prior art A-C. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of this prior art is omitted herein.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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